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SUBJECT: ILO ACTIVITIES IN MOROCCO

REF: A) STATE 018012, B) STATE 003255

1. ILO EXPERTS ASSIGNED TO MOROCCO BEGINNING IN 1968 CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ELABORATION OF A NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT IN 1974 OF AN AUTONOMOUS OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT. TWO VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS SUPERVISED BY THIS OFFICE. ONE FOR MECHANICAL TRADES AND THE OTHER FOR ACCOUNTING AND SECRETARIAL SKILLS, WERE ESTABLISHED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ILO EXPERTS (SIX AT ONE TIME). THESE EXPERTS DESIGNED MANY OF THE COURSES, DID SOME OF THE TEACHING, AND ORDERED MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT STILL USED IN BOTH SCHOOLS. THERE IS ONLY ONE ILO PROJECT IN MOROCCO TODAY, WITH ONE ILO EXPERT WHO DESIGNS COURSES TO MEET SPECIFIC TRAINING NEEDS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY. AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS, THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES RECEIVING SHORT-TERM VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTION INCREASED DURING 1976. THE MINISTER OF LABOR. THE DIRECTOR OF THE MOROCCAN VOCATIONAL OFFICE, AND THE DIRECTORS OF THE VOCATIONAL OFFICE'S TWO SCHOOLS HAVE ALL CONFIRMED THAT ILO ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN CRUCIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT A NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MOROCCO. THE ILO EFFORT IN MOROCCO HAS THUS BEEN EFFECTIVE AND APPRECIATED. CONFIDENTIAL.

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2. ACCORDING TO UNDP OFFICIALS, ILO PROJECT NUMBER MOR 74-004 INITIATED IN SEPTEMBER OF 1975 AND SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE ON JANUARY 1, 1977 WILL PROBABLY BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THIS ACTIVITY, ENTITLED ASSISTANCE TO THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL FORMATION (VOCATIONAL TRAINING), IS LOCATED IN CASABLANCA. AS FAR AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE, FUNDING LEVELS CITED IN

REFTEL (A) ARE ACCURATE. UNDP HAS NOT YET BEEN APPRISED OF FUNDING LEVELS FOR THE ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THIS PROJECT.

3. EMBASSY RABAT AND CONSULATE GENERAL CASABLANCA OBTAINED THE INFORMATION IN PARAS 1 AND 2 FROM MR. BRUNO PELLETIER, ILO EXPERT AT THE VOCATIONAL OFFICE, ASSIGNED TO DIVISION OF SERVICE ENTERPRISES; ABDESSELAM BENLAMLIH, CHIEF OF SERVICE ENTERPRISES AT THE VOCATIONAL OFFICE; HAMAD TOUIH, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE FORMATION OF NATIONAL CADRES: FASSI FIHRI, DIRECTOR OF THE MOROCCAN VOCATIONAL OFFICE; AND MR. VANHELLEPUTTE OF UNDP. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTELS. MR. FIHRI EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT HAVING BEEN ASKED FOR THE SAME INFORMATION HE REPORTED TO GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE FOUR MONTHS AGO, BUT AGREED TO PROVIDE IT ANOTHER TIME IF THE EMBASSY SUBMITTED WRITTEN REQUEST DETAILING INFORMATION DESIRED. IN VIEW OF ILO SENSITIVITIES SURROUNDING USG NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW, HOWEVER, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO SUBMIT SUCH A REQUEST. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SEEK ANY FURTHER DETAILS FROM GAO TEAM WHICH VISITED MOROCCO FROM OCTOBER 11-29, 1976 (76 STATE 199214), EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED PROMISED COPY OF THE GAO FINDINGS. ANDERSON

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